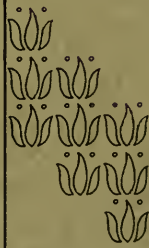


TALLADEGA COUNTY SUN- DAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION



OFFICIAL MINUTES
FOR THE YEAR OF
EIGHTEEN HUNDRED
AND NINETY-EIGHT

Twenty-Second Session
Held at Lincoln, Friday,
Saturday and Sunday,
June tenth, eleventh and
twelfth.....

MINUTES OF THE 22D SESSION

OF THE

TALLADEGA COUNTY SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION,

Held at Lincoln, Ala., Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
June 10, 11 and 12,

1898.

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MINUTES

OF THE

TALLADEGA COUNTY S. S. CONVENTION.

FIRST DAY.

The twenty-second annual session of the Talladega County Sunday-school Convention met in the Baptist Church, Lincoln, Ala., at 3 P. M., Friday, June 10, 1898. and was called to order by the President, Dr. Geo. R. McNeill.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. T. K. Trotter, pastor of Lincoln Baptist Church.

The welcome address was delivered by Prof. E. D. Acker, and, in behalf of the visiting delegates, was responded to by Dr. Geo. R. McNeill.

Next in order was the enrollment of delegates, and the following responded :

CARTERSVILLE BAPTIST—Jno. Davis, Miss Alice Cleghorn. A. O. Campbell, J. H. McDonald.

RAGAN UNION—Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Smith, A. B. Elliott, G. S. Borders, J. T. Neeley.

OAK GROVE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH—J. C. Lanier, W. D. Caldwell, Retta Hendricks.

PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST—E. E. Cline, Mrs. Smith.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Aderholt.

TALLADEGA M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH—Mrs. E. B. Miller, Mrs. C. S. Jones, G. T. McElderry.

TALLADEGA PRESBYTERIAN—W. E. Henkel, Dr. G. R. McNeill.

- TALLASAHATCHIE BAPTIST—A. J. Wesson, W. A. Gardner.
- LINCOLN BAPTIST—J. F. Davis, F. B. Love, J. J. Peoples, Miss Agnes Weed, Miss Addie Best, F. B. Lanier.
- LINCOLN M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH—Miss Lula Crawford, Miss Georgia Hart, J. H. Wilson.
- MUNFORD M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH—H. E. Stewart.
- ALPINE BAPTIST—C. F. Wheeler.
- BETHEL M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH—Mrs. E. C. Carpenter, Frank Williams.
- BETHOVEN BAPTIST—L. C. Bigbee, Miss J. E. Vise, E. L. Vise.
- WINTERBORO—Miss Willie Bell Gooden, J. S. Morris.
- TALLADEGA BAPTIST—J. H. Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Burns.
- CONCORD M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH—W. D. Dupree, Miss Lena Hendricks.
- RENFROE UNION—G. H. Moxley.
- PLANTERSVILLE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH—Miss Hunter, B. L. Caldwell.
- PROVIDENCE BAPTIST—W. E. Shepard, Miss Willie Thompson.
- SYCAMORE—G. H. Stewart.
- VISITORS—Dr. W. C. Bledsoe; E. D. Acker and J. H. Hayden, Baptist County Sunday-school Convention.
- BETHLEHEM M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH—W. O. Pittard, Otis Mulendore.
- DRY VALLEY BAPTIST—J. McPherson, J. C. Hollingsworth.
- SUNNYSIDE UNION—J. A. Woodward, E. Mason.
- SYCAMORE BAPTIST—Miss Ora McMillan.
- REFUGE BAPTIST—W. H. Donaldson, Eli Horn, W. A. Ritchey, Edward Haynes, Miss Sallie Montgomery, A. S. Curlee.
- EASTABOGA UNION—W. H. Donaldson, Eli Horn, W. A. Ritchey, Edward Haynes, A. S. Curlee, Miss Sallie Montgomery.

EVENING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Dr. W. C. Bledsoe.

Annual address of President delivered by Dr. Geo. R. McNeill.

Address by S. A. Russell, subject, "More Thorough Organization."

SECOND DAY, JUNE 11, 8 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. C. Lanier.

The following committees were announced by the President:

- COMMITTEE ON RE-ORGANIZATION—G. T. McElderry, J. D. Lanier, J. F. Davis, J. A. Woodward and W. E. Henkel.
 COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—J. H. Hayden, E. A. Aderholt, Mrs. E. B. Miller, Miss Agnes Weed and S. B. Elliott.
 COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE—J. C. Lanier, E. D. Acker and E. H. Stewart.

Next in order was a most excellent paper on "Home Department Work" by Mrs. E. B. Miller. After discussion by Dr. Bledsoe, Rev. C. L. Herring, Jno. C. Lanier, J. H. Hayden and Dr. Geo. R. McNeill, the paper was ordered printed in the Minutes.

Next in order, "Our County Map and What It Teaches," by J. H. Hayden.

The following schools were reported :

- BEAT 1—Lincoln M. E.; Lincoln Baptist; Refuge Baptist (Evergreen Schools) Dry Valley Baptist, Eureka Baptist and Eureka Methodist.
 BEAT 2—Plumb Spring Baptist and Eastaboga Union (both Evergreen).
 BEAT 3—Antioch Baptist (Evergreen).
 BEAT 4—Ironaton M. E. Church, South; Chinnabee M. E. Church, South.
 BEAT 5—Talladega M. E. Church, South; Talladega Baptist; Talladega Presbyterian; Talladega Mission; Talladega Episcopal (all Evergreen). Providence Baptist.
 BEAT 6—Alpine Baptist; Plantersville M. E. Church, South (both Evergreen); Nottingham Episcopal.
 BEAT 7—Renfroe M. E. Church, South; Renfroe Baptist (both Evergreen); Hepzibah Baptist.
 BEAT 8—Centerville Baptist; Oak Grove M. E. Church, South (both Evergreen).
 BEAT 9—Winterboro Baptist (Evergreen); Riser's Chapel M. E. Church, South.

- BEAT 10—Fayetteville M. E. Church, South (Evergreen); Fayetteville Baptist.
- BEAT 11—Sylacauga Baptist; Sylacauga M. E. Church, South; Sylacauga Episcopal, (all Evergreen).
- BEAT 12—Kymulga Baptist; Childersburg Baptist; Childersburg M. E. Church, South; St. Joseph M. E. Church (all Evergreen).
- BEAT 13—Sycamore Baptist (Evergreen).
- BEAT 14—Waldo Episcopal; Chandler Springs M. E. Church, South (both Evergreen).
- BEAT 15—Kentuck Baptist.
- BEAT 16—Mardisville M. E. Church, South.
- BEAT 17—Ragan Union Baptist; Pleasant Grove Baptist; Bethel M. E. Church South, (all Evergreen); Bethoven Baptist.
- BEAT 18—Munford M. E. Church, South; Munford Presbyterian, Bethlehem M. E. Church, South (all Evergreen).

24 Baptist; 17 Methodist; 5 Presbyterian; 4 Episcopal.

Address by Dr. Ayers, of Anniston, on the "Ideal Superintendent."

"How to Teach the Children to Give and to What Causes," was discussed by Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, of Montgomery. He advocated in a forcible manner that our churches should pay for the Sabbath-school literature and never call upon the children to contribute towards this fund, but that the children should rather be called upon to contribute to the orphans' homes, missions, and like undertakings.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

"How to Prepare the Lesson," was discussed by Henry Donaldson; "How to Teach and Recite It," by Joe Morris; "How to Practice It," by J. G. Dobbins. These young brethren handled their subjects with much thought and feeling.

On motion, the convention decided to accept invi-

tation to meet at Munford next year, and, if for any reason it should be necessary to change the place of meeting, the executive committee was clothed with full power to do so.

The convention sermon was preached by Dr. W. C. Bledsoe. The convention then adjourned for dinner.

At 3:30 P. M., the convention re-assembled. Devotional exercises were conducted by the President. Brother J. D. Lanier made a report of work at the State Convention. After short talks by Henry Donaldson, J. D. Lanier and J. G. Dobbins, the convention was closed with prayer by J. D. Lanier.

THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

Of many new methods introduced of late years into Sunday-school work not one is more practical or helpful than the "Home Department." The only wonder is that it was not thought of before. It is no longer an experiment. In hundreds of the best schools it has proved to be a great feeder to the school, and has introduced into thousands of homes a systematic study of the Holy Scriptures in place of a careless, desultory reading of them, or, perhaps, no reading at all. What the international Lessons have done for the Sunday-school the Home Department proposes to do for the family. I do not intend giving a history of this work as pursued by others, but wish just to tell what it is and to show how it may be carried out by my hearers. In every community there are many who cannot attend Sunday-school, any many who think they cannot, which amounts to the same thing. Some we find who are shut in their own homes by sickness; some mothers who cannot go; some who live too far from any church to attend regularly; many, as I said, who think they cannot go; and some who are simply indifferent. Now, the object is to induce all such persons to join the Home Department of some Sunday-school and study the lessons at home. In the Methodist Sunday-school of Talladega we have, I believe, the only Home Department in the county. Ours has been organized a year, and we have ninety members. The publishing houses of the Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist churches publish the necessary literature, and the price of that is the only expense incurred. The school in Talladega provides the literature for its Home Department, and contributions from its members about half covers the cost, but as the contributions increase each quarter we confidently expect that it will soon be entirely self sustaining, especially as an average of

five cents a quarter per member would make it so. All contributions are voluntary.

A school wishing to establish a Home Department should just appoint a superintendent of that work and as many assistants as may be needed. These meet, and, if possible, have the pastor of the church and the superintendent of the school meet with them. From the church roll and from memory a list is made of all members of the church and of all persons in the community who would legitimately come under the influence of that church who do not attend Sabbath-school. From the young children to the most venerable patriarch, all who are not regular attendants at Sunday-school are put upon the list. The names are then divided as most convenient among the assistants, who are called Visitors. Each Visitor then calls upon the persons whose names are given her and invites them to join the Sunday-school. Some may be induced to do so, but if they refuse she then asks them to join the Home Department of the school, explaining its purpose, and stating that they will be members of the school, but that their literature will be brought to them, with a report card, on which to keep a record of the lessons studied, and all required of members is a promise to study the lesson a half hour each week at home, or wherever convenient. After this canvass is made the superintendent of this department keeps a list of members and calls a meeting of the assistants, or Visitors, each quarter when the new literature comes in, which is distributed by them, at the same time taking up the old report cards and the contributions. The Visitor then makes a full report to the superintendent of the department, who in turn makes a report to the Sunday-school of the number of members, number of lessons studied and amount contributed, so that the school knows each quarter just what is being done in the Home Department. Some have an idea that this work suits town Sunday-schools better than those in the country. This is a mistake; if anything, it is more necessary in the country than in town, where people can almost always go to Sunday-school if they want to; while those who live quite a distance from any church sometimes find it almost impossible to do so. Besides, many schools in the country go into winter quarters at the approach of cold weather and do not meet at all during the winter. For such schools the Home Department is very helpful, for there are always a few faithful ones who will distribute the literature, and all members of the school could join the Home Department for the time the school is to be suspended. In that way no break would occur in the course of study. This department is not meant to encourage any one to remain away from the regular sessions of the school. On the contrary, it is the experience of every school having one that many of its members finally

become regular attendants on Sunday. In most churches the number in the Sabbath-school is not more than half the number on the church roll, while it should be much larger. With the Home Department there is no reason why every member of the church should not be a member of the school, and get the benefits of its course of study, with comments and explanations by the best writers. The motto of every church should be: "Every member of the Sunday-school in the church, and every member of the church in the Sunday-school." The Home Department will greatly assist toward that end. Let me ask every pastor and Sunday-school worker to give this subject the attention it so well deserves, feeling sure that when well understood it will be given a trial, and that when given a faithful, intelligent trial it will prove to be one of the most useful departments of the school. And now just a word of advice: In choosing those who are to carry out this work be very careful to select, (not necessarily those most gifted or popular) above all, those who will be faithful and systematic, for no Home Department can prosper whose Visitors are not prompt and devoted to their work.

I hope to hear of many Home Departments being organized in our county, and to every new one give a hearty God speed.

MRS. E. B. MILLER.

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE.

RESOLVED, That this convention return thanks to Bro. S. A. Russell for his thorough and practical presentation of the subject assigned him, "More Thorough Organization." We feel that his Christian presence and earnest words will help and encourage every member of this convention. Be it further

RESOLVED, That it is the desire of this convention to return their hearty thanks to Brethren W. C. Bledsoe and Dr. Ayers, not only for their encouraging and helpful presence, but for their words of wisdom along the lines of practical Sunday-school work. May God inspire us to enter into the spirit of the work as outlined by them. Be it further

RESOLVED, That this convention endorse the Home Department work, and that we urge the Sunday-schools of our county to pursue the methods so practically and beautifully outlined by Mrs. E. B. Miller in her paper on this subject.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

RESOLVED 1, That this convention hereby express their thanks to the Baptist denomination for the use of their church.

RESOLVED 2, That we thank the choir most heartily for their excellent music, which was not only a delight to the delegates and large congregation, but a source of great inspiration to the convention as a whole.

RESOLVED 3, That we return our sincere and hearty thanks to the Christian people of Lincoln and community for their Christian hospitality on this occasion, praying at the same time that they may reap both spiritual and temporal blessings as a result of this meeting. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HAYDEN,
E. A. ADERHOLT,
S. B. ELLIOTT,
MISS AGNES WEED,
MRS. E. B. MILLER,

Committee.

Adopted.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

While there is perhaps no more prolific source of crime and shame penetrating the hearts and minds of our people than the great evil of intemperance, and

WHEREAS, There is no surer remedy for this great monster of sin and to blot it from our midst than to inculcate into the minds of our children and youth the doctrinal teaching of the Holy Scriptures on this subject; be it

RESOLVED, That our Sunday-school teachers be affectionately urged to embrace every suitable opportunity to emphasize the duty of all Sunday-school scholars and all Christian workers to a total abstinence from the use of the great evil of intoxicating liquors, and the importance of the church of removing the use of it by the members, realizing the fact that this great work must be done by the church.

J. C. LANIER,
E. D. ACKER,
E. H. STEWART,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RE-ORGANIZATION.

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 Vice President—W. E. HENKEL, Talladega.
 Secretary—G. T. McELDERRY, Talladega.
 Ass't Secretary—J. H. HAYDEN, Talladega.
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 GEO. H. STEWART,.....Sycamore.
 JNO. A. EDWARDS,.....Childersburg.
 T. L. BELLINGRATH,.....Talladega.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

1—WALTER DAVIS,.....Lincoln.
 2—ELI HORN,.....Eastaboga.
 3—J. C. ARMENTROUT,.....Jenifer.
 4—GEO. M. THORNTON,.....Ironaton.
 5—N. J. HUBBARD,.....Talladega.
 6—S. W. WELCH,.....Alpine.
 7—J. E. HENDRICKS,.....Renfroe.
 8—J. C. LANIER,.....Kymulga.
 9—A. O. RISER,.....Alpine.
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 11—JAMES WILKES,.....Sylacauga.
 12—F. MOSS,.....Childersburg.
 13—P. B. WORKMAN,.....Sycamore.
 14—JACK RIDDLE,.....Waldo.
 15—JAMES A. WRIGHT,.....Oxford.
 16—THOS. J. WILSON,.....Talladega.
 17—G. S. BORDERS,.....Ragan.
 18—J. A. WOODWARD,.....Sunnyside.

REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS TALLADEGA COUNTY SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION, 1898.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	SUPERINTENDENT	POST-OFFICE.	No. Months School is Open.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Additions to Church.	No. Members Belonging to Church.	Teachers' Meeting.	House to House Visitation.	Home Department.	Normal Class.	Separate Primary Department.	Amount for State Work.	Amount for County Work.
Alpine Baptist	W. A. Allen	Alpine	12	4	35	39	25	1	12	12					\$	50
Bethoven Baptist	E. P. B. Bigby	Talladega	12	6	47	53	25		20	15	No	No	No	No		50
Bethel Methodist	J. C. Wallis	Talladega	12	11	79	93	52		100	35	No	No	No	No		51
Bethlehem Methodist	S. W. Pace	McElderry	12	6	53	59	37			27	No	No	No	No		25
Concord Methodist		Renfro					30									1 00
Cartersville Baptist	A. O. Campbell	Kymulga	12	7	50	57	34	4	40	8	No	No	No	No	5 00	50
Childersburg Meth.	Geo. Butler	Childersburg	12	7	83	90	55	2	132	34	No	No	No	Yes		
Dry Valley Baptist	J. W. McCain	Lincoln	8	7	55	62	40		80		No	No	No	No		
Eastaboga Union	W. H. Donaldson	Eastaboga	12	6	60	66	48		28	20	No	No	No	No		50
Lincoln Methodist	W. D. Davis	Lincoln	9	6	34	40	22	3	85	26	No	No	No	No		1 00
Lincoln Baptist	E. D. Acker	Lincoln	12	8	80	88	60	4	98	40	No	No	No	No		
Munford Methodist	J. J. Weatherly	Munford	12	9	70	79	75			50	No	No	No	No		1 15
Oak Grove Methodist	J. J. D. Lanier	Kymulga	12	12	120	132	75	10		80	No	No	No	No	10 00	2 00
Pleasant Grove Bap.	S. C. Beavers	Eureka		9	55	64	40		90	30	No	No	No	No		1 46
Providence Baptist	I. A. Adams	Talladega	12	4			22	6	55	12	No	No	No	No		25
Renfro Union		Renfro					30									55
Ragan Union	G. S. Borders	Ragan	12	9	70	79	50	7	40		No	No	No	No		1 00
Refuge Baptist	A. H. Griffin	Bruner	12	5	65	70	40		25	30	No	No	No	No		
Sycamore Baptist	Dr. John McGhee	Sycamore	12	9	120	129	54				No	No	No	No		2 00
Sunnyside Union	J. A. Woodward	Sunnyside	12	6	50	56	30	2	18		No	No	No	Yes		1 50
Talladega Baptist	Jno. W. Bishop	Talladega	12	17	185	202		1	325	75	No	No	No	Yes		2 00
Talladega Meth.	N. J. Hubbard	Talladega	12	26	184	210	112		375	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1 00	1 00
Talladega Pres.	J. B. Woodward	Talladega	12	20	140	150	110	7	364	97	No	No	No	Yes		4 00
Winterboro Baptist.	J. S. Morris	Alpine	12	6	34	40	25		18	18	No	No	No	No		50
Tallasahatchie Bap	G. W. Garthen	Childersburg	8	6	42	48		5	70	17	No	No	No	No		50

